(d) whether Government will consider these roads as the National roads and extend it up to Dhamara, Chandbali via Jajpur and Aradikhetra Akhandalamani?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) One work of 4 laning Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar section at a cost of Rs. 218.41 crore is in progress with the World Bank loan assistance in the State of Orissa.

(b) Panikauli Rajamunda road has been declared a National Highway, however there is no proposal for World Bank funding for this road.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) The declaration of the roads in question as new National Highways would depend upon proposals received from State Government, fulfilment of criteria, inter-se priority, and availability of funds.

Upgradation of NH falling along the alignment of Golden Quadrila- teral

5454. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved a plan of upgrading National Highways falling along the alignment of Golden Quadrilateral;

(b) if so, what is the total expenditure involved;

(c) what will be the source of the fund; and

(d) what are the targets fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total expenditure involved would be approximately Rs. 24,000 crores.

(c) The funds for the Golden Quadrilateral project will be made available from the Cess on Petrol and Diesel, external aid *i.e.* Loan from World Bank, Asian Development Bank etc., market borrowings and private sector participation.

(d) This work is targeted to be completed by the year 2003.